

Casting Call

Are you a member of the US Armed Forces who would love nothing more than to surprise your family with an unexpected HOMECOMING that they'll never forget? If so, we want to talk to you!

Cable network TLC is looking for servicemen and women who are heading back to the States between January and April of 2011 to participate in this good- natured, heartwarming program. If you are chosen, you and your loved ones may also have the chance to meet a major country music recording star.

We're looking for people who have a special story to tell as they make their way back to friends and family. Are you a new mom or dad anxious to see a young child or meet them for the first time? Do you have brothers and sisters still serving? Are you ready to pop the question to someone who can't wait to see your smiling face again? Will your loved ones react in a BIG way if you show up somewhere they'd never expect (tears, shouting and jumping for joy)?

If you've got a great story to tell and think your family would be over the moon to see you when they least expect it, please follow the steps below (please read through to the end before you begin):

1.Find a video camera (anything will do) and wrangle a friend to record you answering the following questions on camera. Please keep tape to FIVE MINUTES or under (uploading a video is ideal, but if you can't please see below for how to submit via email):

- State your name, age, unit, mission and when you are scheduled to come home.
- Tell us who you would like to surprise and why (be sure to explain what
 makes your story unique and special birth of child or proposal or long
 time away... anything that sets your homecoming apart)
- Tell us about your deployment and some of the challenges you and your family have faced while apart
- Can you keep a secret? (we need this to be a surprise)
- Show us something that will tell us who you are (get creative!)



- Finally, spell out your email address clearly so we can contact you directly. If there is a better way to get in touch with you, let us know here.
- 2. After you've answered these questions, make your way to nearest computer to upload your video. Follow these steps :
- Connect your camera to the computer using the proper connection cable
- Go to our direct file delivery Dropbox by typing into your web browser: http://dropbox.yousendit.com/homecoming
- You will now automatically be logged in however if you are prompted for a username & password please type the following: username: homecoming@authentictv.com, password: upl0ad (the "o" is actually the number zero)
- Once you see the screen that says send a file to a Dropbox please type in your email address.
- In the next box marked SUBJECT, please type YOUR NAME, then the word. HOMECOMING.
- Finally, click the CHOOSE FILE tab and select the movie file you will be sending us (i.e. .mov, .avi, or .wmv are preferred file formats).

That's it! Please note that, depending on the length of your file, it could take awhile to upload so leave at least half an hour to complete. When the screen says "UPLOAD SUCCESSFUL", you are done! As soon as we see your tape, we will contact you at the email address you have supplied us with.

NOTE: TO SUBMIT VIA EMAIL: answer the questions above, attach a photo of yourself (and your family if you have one) and email to:

homecoming@authentictv.com

Thank you so much and safe and warm wishes to you all.

